

Sweedy Hollow Nature Preserve

County: Monroe

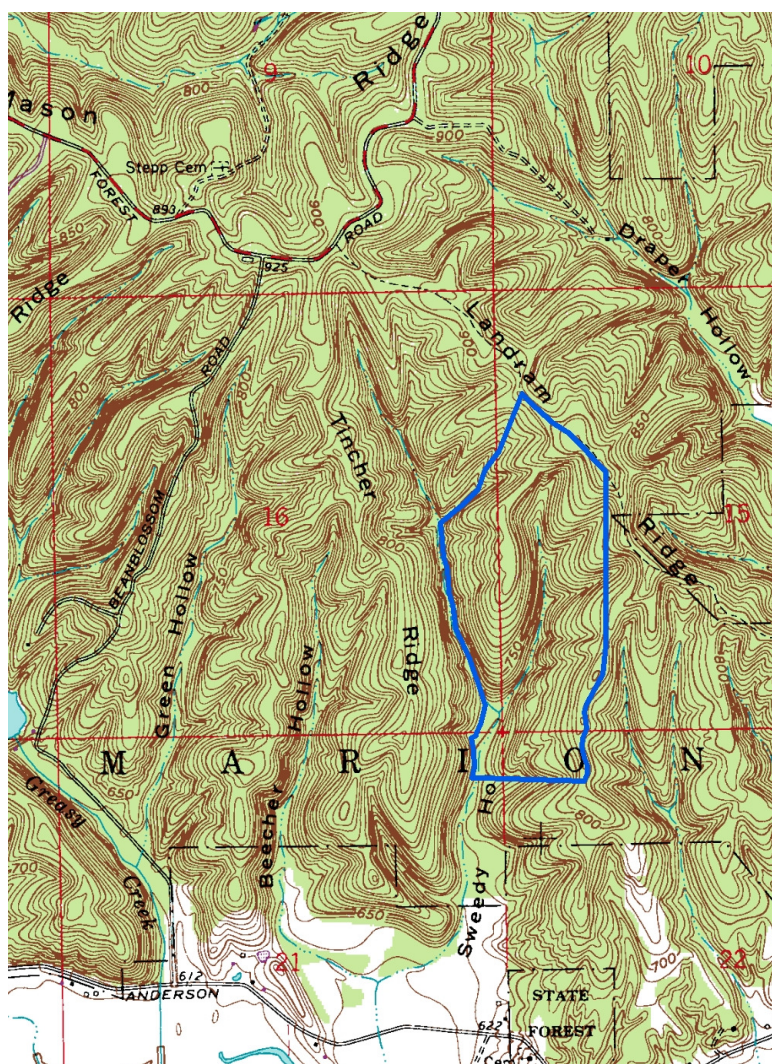
Size: 150 acres

Ownership: Forestry—IDNR

Location and Access

Parking and Trail. Sweedy Hollow is located within Morgan-Monroe State Forest. This State Forest is located southwest of Indianapolis, 35 miles south from Interstate 465 via State Road 37. 5 miles south of Martinsville or 16 miles NE of Bloomington. Follow signs 8 miles east of State Road 37.

The State Forest's Low Gap and Rock Shelter trails take you through the preserve; the trail head is off the Main Forest Road by the Low Gap Trail parking lot.



Description:

This preserve consists of the following natural community types, of which each is a high-quality example: mesic upland forest, dry-mesic upland forest, dry upland forest, mesic floodplain forest, and sandstone cliffs.

Uncommon plant species that have been found here include: guyandotte beauty (*Synandra hispidula*), and whorled Pogonia (*Isotria verticillata*).

A number of State special-status birds summer and presumably nest in Sweedy Hollow, including the worm-eating warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*), cerulean warbler (*Dendroica cerulea*), and the black and white warbler (*Mniotilta varia*).

Further Information:

Morgan-Monroe State Forest, 6220 Forest Road, Martinsville, IN 46151, 765-342-4026

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Division of Nature Preserves, 402 W. Washington St., Rm W267, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-4052

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